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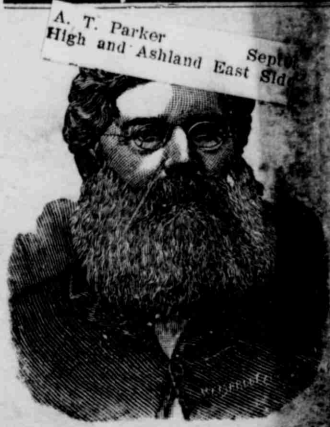
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LEXINGTON CHRISTIAN SUICIDE.

On last decoration day, that being
the second anniversary of the death
of his wife, Harvey Alexander, of
Lexington suicided on the grave of his
wife, in the Lexington cemetery by
taking strychnine.

The younger Talmage, in the late
California revivals, said that nobody
but Infidels suicided.

Mr. Alexander is not at all known
in Infidel circles. He was recognized
by all as having been a most exem-
plary citizen, and as having suicided
simply because he was heart-broken
over the death of his wife, and the
whole community deeply sympathizes
with his friends.

It shows that these broad state-
ments made by preachers are not nec-
essarily true.

LEWIS AND CLARK EXPOSITION.

It is a noteworthy fact that the
Lewis and Clark Exposition is the
first world's fair to be held west of
the Rocky mountains which has se-
cured the aid of the Government.

"And it is also surprising what an
interest is manifested in the Exposi-
tion by the people of the East. They
see in the Exposition an opportunity
to visit the Western country at a
greatly reduced expenditure of money,
and not only see the Exposition itself,
but view the wonders of our Western
scenery, and witness the great re-
sources of the Northwest and the op-
portunities afforded. The Great North-
ern Railway passenger department
has been flooded with inquiries as to
the Exposition, and it augurs well for
a big travel through the Northwest
this year.

Send us a club of five subscrib-
ers for the Blade at 50 cents each.
We want to increase the circula-
tion of this paper several thous-
and copies this spring. Do your
part.

Has Presbyterian Church

THE FACE TO DECLARE HOM- ER AND CONFUCIUS CON- SIGNED TO THE EVER- LASTING FLAMES OF HELL.

Rev. Samuel Carter, Leader in Move-
ment to Drop Westminster Con-
fession, Declares God Would be a In-
carnate Were He to Justify a Lit-
eral Conception of the Presbyterian
Faith.

A proposition to cast aside the
much discussed Westminster con-
fession will be the principal subject dis-
cussed before the General Assembly
of the Presbyterian Church, now in
session at Winona Lake, Indiana.

The assembly, at a previous session,
adopted the Brief Statement of the
Reformed Faith, but not as the creed
of the church, the Westminster con-
fession remaining the creed.

The overture for the dropping of
this ancient creed will be made to the
General Assembly by the Presbytery
of the Nassau, L. I. Rev. Dr. Samuel
Carter, who led in the movement
to this Eastern Presbytery, has writ-
ten the following statement regarding
the proposal.

BY DR. SAMUEL T. CARTER,
Of the Presbytery of Nassau

The Westminster confession pre-
sents for the worship and allegiance
of men a God who, according to the
scripture, is the author of all evil,
the author of the human race to en-
slave, torment before they were born
and done good or ill.

Of this number a large company
of infancy and committed no per-
sonal transgression. The whole hea-
venly world formed another large com-
pany, by the teachings of the con-
fession, Homer and Virgil, Plato and
Socrates, Cato and Antonius, Con-
fucius and Guatama are at this moment
roasting in the literal flames of hell
fire and shall so burn forever and
ever.

Has the Presbyterian Church the
face to make this declaration to the
men of this generation? The West-
minster confession in fact says that
God is a monster, modern theology
says he is not.

In this sentence lies the whole gist
of the contention.

Tamerlane built a pyramid of 2000
men of the garrison of Herat, laid in
brick and mortar, and history calls
him a monster for doing it. Lord
Jeffreys presided over the "Bloody
Circuit" in which he condemned 700
to execution, and he stands scorned
and by himself on the roll of Eng-
land's Chancellors.

But Tamerlane and Jeffreys were
sweet souls compared with a God who
could condemn a whole race to the
endless torment for a single sin.

Readers of "Lorna Doone" will re-
member how the robber Doones of
Bagworthy looted a farmer's cottage
and found a little babe in its cradle.
One of them called to his comrade to
have a game with him.

He tossed the infant to the other,
who caught it upon the point of his
pike.

We call these men fiends, but they
were bright angels and seraphs com-
pared with a God who could send mil-
lions of infants to eternal torments.

Every fiber of my moral being rises
up against this God-dishonoring the-
ology; with the utmost fervor of my
soul I reject this God of the Confes-
sion, and as fully as I reject this God
so gladly do I receive the God of the
Gospel of Christ—the father in the
great parable who runs forth to meet
his wretched but repenting son, falls
upon his neck and kisses him.

And as objectionable as the God of
the Confession is the man of the con-
fession, "utterly indisposed, disabled
and made opposite to all good and in-
clined to all evil." I turn from this
man to everyday man who has
wrought the great wonders of anti-
quity, and today, has built the great
ocean steamers, the Brooklyn Bridge
and the subways, who brings home
his hard-earned wages and lays them
in his wife's lap for home and chil-
dren, who goes down into the little
boat in the hell of waters to save the
men in the other ship, who a few
weeks ago in New York cried,

"There's a woman there!" and fought
his way against kind, preventing
hands, went into the burning house
and never came out.

I take this common man to my heart
—Jesus did—and I say he is a child of
God out of ignorance and sorrow into
the full sonship and everlasting life.
I would take my place with the theo-
logians who from their easy chairs pro-
nounce him "indisposed and made op-
posite to all good and inclined to all
evil."

Now why should there be any zeal
for this confession with its God and
man—this that so many should find
so cherished and maintained? As Eli-
jah said to Israel, "If the Lord be God,
follow him, but if Baal, then follow
him," so can it be said to the Gen-
eral Assembly, "If the God of the Gos-
pels be God follow him, but if the God
of the Confession be God, follow him."

They cannot keep the one God for
their creed and theological seminar-
ies and the other for their pulpits and
common talk.

The moral sense of the people is
shocked by the shilly-shallying of the
Presbyterian Church as to the confes-
sion. The present connection of the
Presbyterian Church with the confes-
sion if it were not so serious would
be a farce; being so serious, it is a
crime.

What must the people think of the
ministers if they accept this God of
the Confession; what must they think
of them if they do not accept him,
but solemnly affirm that they do in
the act of ordination? A sham theo-
logy is sure to make a sham religion,
and a sham religion is sure to lead to
the horrors of the Roman Empire and
the French Revolution, the crucifixion
of the human volcano, most dreadful of
all. It has been well said, "Repelled
light becoming lightning." Of such a
state of affairs as this Martineau sadly
says, "Will not the bad creed, then, be
got rid of? Not a bit; and year after
year thousands of clergymen will
solemnly profess before tens of thous-
ands of assenting people a creed
which is false to the heart of them all.

This is what we are doing in the
Presbyterian Church today. General
Assembly will do nothing so good as
to make an end of it.

It is more seriously important than
sending missionaries to China. There
is no use of sending the truth abroad
if we live a lie at home.

MRS. ELIVIRA SYDNOR MILLER SLAUGHTER SUES FOR DIVORCE.

The Louisville papers state that
Mrs. Elivira Sydnor Miller Slaughter
is suing for divorce because her hus-
band beat her with a pistol. She says
she would have brought suit sooner,
but that her husband was being tried
for killing a man and she did not want
to injure him in that case.

When Mrs. Slaughter was Miss Mil-
ler, she wrote a good deal against me.
She is a devout Catholic. She has
lately written a book called "The Con-
fessions of a Tattler," in which she
alludes to me and says that "Behind
the Bars, 31498" is a "funny" book,
but that the more she reads it, the
more she is convinced I ought to have
been in the penitentiary. If, after all
that Miss Miller has written against
me and my atheism, she did not marry
a devout Christian, she was inconsis-
tent. I have never beaten my wife
with a pistol, and she has never sued
for divorce, and I cannot see that
Christians are any happier than In-
fidels. I never killed anybody.

THE JAP-RUSSIAN SEA FIGHT.

The defeat of the Russians by the
Japs on the sea, has been even more
surprising than the Jap triumphs on
the land. To all intelligent people
this shows that religion and prayers
do not help Christians and that there-
fore the chaplains in our army and
navy are an absurdity.

The Japs are atheists. They are a
small nation of small people, engaged
against one of the largest and most
powerful of all nations, the Russians,
who are of the Greek Catholic Church,
who had all the original manuscript

from which the New Testament was
compiled, and these Greek Catholics
are the church from which the Roman
Catholics split off and then subdivided
into all of the other Christian sects.

The Greek Catholics are the most
devout Christians in the world and
in their war with the atheists Japs,
they have taken no step without first
asking the assistance of the Christian
God, and yet, on sea and land, if
there is any God, he has never assist-
ed them, and the atheistic Japs have
been the most remarkable victims in
history.

Certainly anybody can see that God
cares no more for a Christian than he
does for an atheist.

HINSHAW, PARDONED WIFE MUR- DERER, RETURNS TO PUL- PIT AS A QUAKER PREACHER.

Sect With Whom He Was Reared Be-
lieve Him Innocent.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 22.—The Rev.
William E. Hinshaw, the young Metho-
dist minister who was convicted of
wife-murder in Hendricks county ten
years ago and sentenced to prison for
life, but who was pardoned by Gov.
Durbin just before he went out of
office, has entered the Quaker Church
as a minister and preached his first
sermon as such in a Quaker church
at Centerville, Wayne county, on yester-
day.

The crime of which Hinshaw was
convicted and sentenced for life was
one of the most sensational ever com-
mitted in the State, occurring in his
home at Bellevue just after midnight.
He claimed that robbers had entered
the house and shot his wife and also
himself, but the jury found him guilty
of the crime in the face of the fact
that many members of his church be-
lieved him innocent.

It is said that the Quakers, with
whom he was reared, still believe him
innocent. The only reference made to
his past in his sermon was in the in-
troduction remarks when he said he
was not a stranger to the Quaker
church, as it was in one of them that
he had been converted, and he had
also married a Quaker.

LEXINGTON AND LOUIS- VILLE EDITORS EULOGIZE THE ATHEISTIC JAPS.

The Lexington Leader and the Louis-
ville Courier-Journal contain editorials
alluding to the Japs as "heathen" and
disbelievers in Christianity, but en-
dorsing them as being the most ex-
emplary people now on the earth; one
of them emphasizing the greater mor-
ality and honesty of the Jap officials
in the management of their war and
navy business as compared with the
known and recognized corruption and
swindling of American officials in
those departments.

The editors of these papers are, sup-
posedly, Christians and neither one
of them would write an article direct-
ly attacking the Christian religion and
yet in these editorials, they as plainly
declare the moral superiority of the
most radical atheism to the most rad-
ical Christianity as the most ardent
Infidel propagandist could possibly do.

The pure moralists and energy and
justness of the atheistic Japs is held
up to American Christians as an ex-
ample for them to emulate and the
Leader specializes the superiority of
the Japs to the Christians in the mat-
ter of sexuality, and assigns this as
one of the reasons for their triumph
over the Christian Russians. Only a
few days before that the Leader had
a long article in praise of the In-
fidel Jews and saying that none of them
were ever anarchists and that they
were safe and reliable citizens who
would never endanger this govern-
ment.

The point made in favor of the Japs
is not merely their intellectual su-
periority but their moral purity also.
As a mere argument as to the facts of
Christianity the intelligent world is
now almost agreed that the Infidel
has the advantage.

All intelligent Christians know, just
as well as we Infidels do, that Chris-

tianity, and especially in its clergy,
is full of moral depravity and yet the
Christians see just as I see and ac-
knowledge, that we have among In-
fidels immoral people apologists for
free love and anarchy, and intelligent
Christian people naturally ask why we
can expect them to swap the immor-
ality of Christianity for the immor-
ality of Infidelity if our purpose is really
to elevate the standard of our race.
It is natural for people to be willing
to endure the evils to which they
have become injured rather than to
fly to those they know not of.

In the tentative stages of all new
ideas it is our experience that their
advocates and pioneers and promoters
are always better than they are after
their plans have succeeded. Infidelity
has not yet by any means, won its
spurs in the popular estimation, what-
ever it may have done among the edu-
cated, and yet I have read and heard
from high Infidel authorities senti-
ments so immoral, and so opposed to
the public happiness that I would not,
if I could, substitute them for the
state of affairs that commonly obtains
now among Christians and I believe
that same class of Infidels would be-
come still more aggressive with their
vicious views than they now are if
they could find that they were gaining
in influence.

The thing then, for us to do if we
would have Infidelity to capture the
world, is to bring our own personal
moral lives up abreast of our ad-
vanced intellectual ideas as the Japs have
done.

Our great Infidel leaders were hard-
ly Infidels at all compared with the
Japs, Paine most ardently believed in
the existence of a God, and so did Lin-
coln, while Jefferson and Ingersoll
questioned the matter and Franklin
was probably a deist, though none of
these men believed in the inferracy of
the Bible or in the divinity of Jesus
Christ.

But these Japs whose virtue is at-
tracting the admiration of all good
and intelligent people, do not believe
in the existence of any God. When
even it appears that American Infidels
even if they are only a handful, are
pure moralists, like these atheistic
Japs, Infidelity will wipe Christianity
off the map of the United States, and
I am one of those who believe that
Infidels should have to give some ear-
nest of their moral purpose to elevate
humanity before we should be trusted
with the moral management of this
country.

So far from our not having enough
Infidels in the country we now already
have too many.

In our anxiety to make proselytes
we welcome into our fellowship, men
who are neither scholarly nor mor-
alists and they damage the cause of
Infidelity just as criminal Christians,
especially preachers are destroying
Christianity much faster than we In-
fidel propagandists are doing. I would
rather have thoroughly in sympathy
with this paper, one thousand men
and women of good common sense and
ordinary education, but thoroughly
alive to the importance of our personal
morals, than to have a million scram-
bling and scheming for notoriety by
merely accentuating their disbelief
of Christianity with no evidence of any
purpose to make us better and hap-
pier, and often showing in themselves
the very same imperfection that we
urge against the Christians.

The atheistic Jap has brought him-
self most prominently into the admi-
ration of all the great and good, by his
pure and good and unselfish life and
is what American Infidels will have to
do, and ought to be compelled to do,
before we are trusted with the moral
management of this country. One of
these editorials speaks of the Jap
abstinence from liquor as one of the
causes of their moral superiority, and
we American Infidels will never attain
any influence until we learn the same.

Liquor drinking among Infidels is
now one of greatest drawbacks, if you
please to your hearts content, the silly
extravagances of the Christian tem-
perance apostles and their patron saint
Carrie Nation. Certainly no man has
seen any more clearly than I have the
fanaticism of Christian temperance,
sent to the penitentiary as I was, by
an alliance between a Christian Pro-
hibitionist and a drunken Christian
judge, and an attorney for the govern-
ment who happened to be lying at the
Dennison House in Cincinnati, dying
in a drunken debauch, when I stop-
ped at that hotel on my way to cele-

brate the birthday of Ingersoll at In-
dianapolis. The fact remains that the
Bible is full of encouragement of li-
quor drinking, that Jesus was a maker
and drinker of liquor and taught liquor
drinking as one of the duties of his
religion, and that of all the arraign-
ments of the liquor traffic that ever
came from tongue or pen, that of In-
gersoll was the severest. And yet to-
day, all that one of the heaviest of all
the loads that Infidelity has to carry
is the fact that some men who ought
to be our leaders and examples are
liquor drinkers and at the same time
freelovers, and anarchists—enemies
of any and all government, while the
atheistic Jap, the highest moralist in
the world is proud and happy to give
his life for his government.

REV. G. A. WAGE PREACHES ABOUT ADAM AND EVE

The Denver Post gives an account
of a sermon that begins thus:
"At last the public is to know the
full text of the sermon preached by
Rev. G. A. W. Wage of Simpson Metho-
dist church, which caused the women
of his congregation to blush to the
roots of their hair while he spoke and
then later to demand his removal as
pastor.

And it came to pass subsequently
that he was removed. Immediately
thereafter the Rev. Mr. Wage declined
to discuss his sermon for publication,
saying he would let the good Lord
fight his battle for him, but today the
minister is of altered mind.

He is now willing that the public
generally should pass judgment on
what he said the Sunday before Eas-
ter, and Post readers are asked to
send in their individual opinions."

Another extract is as follows:

"Adam lay asleep in the Garden of
Eden when the Lord took a rib from
him and made Eve, and when Adam
awoke he saw Eve in all the glory of
her womanhood standing before him.
But Eve was abashed and ran away.
Adam chased her and caught her and
he put his arm around her and then
he felt that wonderful thrill of love for
the first time.

The above purported extract from
the sermon of Rev. G. A. W. Wage, pas-
tor of the Simpson Methodist church,
when preached by him the Sunday be-
fore Easter, caused six prominent wo-
men members of his congregation to
arise hurriedly and leave the meet-
ing. Two days later, through the ac-
tion of the church board, Rev. Mr.
Wage was out of a job."

The most striking part of his ser-
mon is as follows:

"There she stood, an apparition of
beauty too beautiful to be real. He ap-
proached to touch her. Eve was
charmed no less than Adam. On the
part of both it was love at first sight.
And when he touched her she was so
thrilled with pure delight that she in-
voluntarily withdrew, and then she
flew; but not too fast, for she longed
to feel that touch again. There was
that in Eve which almost exasperates
man, as she keeps him long pursuing.
With seeming indifference she turned
from him and went away, plucking
the beautiful flowers, her heart throbbing
with ecstasies of love.

The Eden courtship was short.
When she had brought him to the
height of the spell in which she held
him, she allowed herself to be cap-
tured. God married them. And when
Adam put his arm around her and
pressed her again to that side from
which she had been taken, next his
heart, that heart was satisfied."

The account further says:
Dr. Wage came to Denver from
Georgetown last August. He has been
married three times. His first wife
died and his second marriage proved
disastrous, as he fell victim to an al-
leged adventuress, whom he divorced
soon after. His present wife is also
a divorced woman, she having, it is
said learned her wedding night that
her husband was a drunkard. She
then left him at once and after secur-
ing a divorce, married Rev. Mr. Wage.

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